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LOK SABHA

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MINI-HORTICULTURE MISSION FOR NER
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to Small Farmer`s Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC) under Mini- horticulture Mission for North-Eastern Region (NER) during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of modalities for utilizing the fund;

(c) the progress achieved during the said period;

(d) whether any review of the programme is being made; and

(e) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The funds released to Small Farmer`s Agri- Business Consortium(SFAC) for implementation of the programmes under Mini Mission − II, III & IV of Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern states including Sikkim during the period 2001-02 to 2004-05 are as given below:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Mini Missions	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
MM- II	4744.96	7500.00	8439.00	10772.295
MM- III	618.14	775.00	200.00	920.00
MM-IV	350.00	75.00	-	-
Total	5713.10	8350.00	8639.00	11692.295

(b): The State Governments submits the action plans/ projects approved by State Level Steering Committee headed by Chief Secretary. Based on the approval of action plans/ projects, the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture releases funds to concerned implementing agencies. The funds for implementation of the programmes under Mini Mission − I, which relates to research are being released to Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The funds for implementation of programmes under Mini Mission − II, III & IV, which relates to production and productivity, Marketing and Processing are being released to SFAC. The SFAC in turn will release funds to respective State Governments, based on the approved action plan/ projects.

In addition, the funds for implementation of the programmes of Mini Mission − III, which relates to Post Harvest Management such as Cold Storage, Refer Vans, etc. are being released to National Horticulture Board. Based on the approval of the projects, National Horticulture Board releases funds to the beneficiaries of the concerned states.

On utilization of funds for implementation of the programmes under different Mini Missions, the concerned implementing agencies namely Small Farmer`s Agri - Business Consortium, National Horticulture Board and Indian Council for Agriculture Research submits utilization certificates to Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India .

(c): The progress achieved during the period 2001-02 to 2004-05 are given in annexure − I and II

(d) & (e): During 2002-03, an evaluation and impact assessment study was made through an external agency, Agriculture Finance Corporation Limited. The study indicated that the Technology Mission was well conceived, well structured scheme and has created appreciable level of awareness of the potential for economic development.

Annexure − I

Release of funds for implementation of Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim during the period 2001-02 to 2004-05.

(Rs. in lakhs)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Mini Mission -I	250.00	175.00	100.00	700.00
Mini Mission - II				
1. Arunachal Pradesh	728.85	1099.00	1220.00	1645.55
2. Assam	611.12	1092.15	1400.00	871.00
3. Manipur	487.03	685.00	638.00	1286.25
4. Meghalaya	625.71	775.60	850.00	1395.99
5. Mizoram	508.95	1099.73	1089.00	1801.16
6. Nagaland	551.70	979.00	1256.00	1467.30
7 Sikkim	616.77	855.00	1000.00	1150.00
8. Tripura	512.40	785.00	900.00	1111.30
9. Technical support/ ISRO/service etc.	102.43	129.52	101.28	43.745
Mini Mission - III	1380.00	1350.00	700.00	1480.49
Mini Mission – IV	350.00	75.00 #	#	
Total	6724.96	9100.00	9239.00	12952.785

= Ministry of Food Processing Industries would implement its schemes,
from 10% allocation of its outlay, for mission programmes.
The traditional requirements if any, would be provided by the mission.

Annexure II

Salient Achievements of the Horticulture Technology Mission

1. Area Expansion (ha) 55082

II. Production of Quality Planting Material

1. Estabklishment of Nurseries (Nos.) 295

III. Creation of Water resources

1. Community Tanks (Nos.) 2095

2. Tube Wells (Nos.) 951

3. Drip irrigation (ha) 1049

4. Mulching (ha) 412

IV. Facilities for Improved Management practices

A. Protected Cultivation

1. Green Houses(500Sq.M)(No.) 614

2. Green houses(100Sq.m)(No.) 1385

3. Model Floriculture Centres (No.) 8

V. IPM/INM

1. IPM (ha) 10465

2. Disease forecasting units(No.) 23

3. Biological labs(No.) 2

4. Leaf analysis labs(No.) 8

5. Plant health Clinics(No.) 9

VI. Organic farming

1. Organic farming(ha) 3118

2. Earthworm units (Nos.) 691

VII. Infrastructure for training

1. Gardener training centers(No.) 25

2. Supervisory training centers(No.) 16

VIII. Markets Establishment (no.)

a) Whole Sale Markets 29
b) Rural Primary Market 199
c) Apni Mandies 26
d) Grading labs 16

IX. Processing units (no.) 9